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Entrepreneurship among Minorities
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any scheme to support entrepreneurship among minority youths in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme thereof and the number of beneficiaries benefitted therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year, schemewise and State-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)
(a) to (c): Ministry of Minority Affairs established Maulana Azad National Academy for Skills (MANAS), a special purpose vehicle (SPV), in November 2014, for Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme (E&SDP) for providing sustainable livelihood options through self-employment/wage employment opportunities to minority youth, with primary focus on self-employment. MANAS operates on the skill development architecture of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and covers all skill sectors as per the local demand. MANAS also establishes linkages of E&SDP with concessional credit. The State wise number of minority youth covered under MANAS since inception are at Annexure.
Further, National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), a Central Public Sector Enterprises of the Ministry, which extends concessional loans to minorities, has also instructed its State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) to undertake one day Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) workshop prior to release of loans.
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